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Yuletide, Auld Lang Syne Promise Festive Holidays

". . . deck the halls with boughs of holly . . .
'tis the season to be jolly . . ."

The happiest time of all the year, the occasion for good friendship, good cheer and family reunions, will find a host of members and their guests in the midst of a happy, homelike atmosphere of fun and celebration at Shadow Mountain Club.

Transformed into a veritable Yuletide Castle, the Club House will be the scene of a traditional, old-fashioned, fireside Christmas. There will be a ceremonial burning of the Yule log, a glorious candlelight buffet; Santa Claus, snowmen, turkey shoot; Christmas carols, sugar plum dance, Christmas trees galore, and all the festive trimmings. There will be a featured Christmas play; special music by Todd's Trio; golf, tennis and volley ball tournaments will hold sway; and, of course, swimming, shuffleboard, softball, riding . . . every kind of sun fun! A "jingle bell" square dance, chuck wagon dinner; a "Snow Ball" for the juniors; for children, Santa at the tree (bearing gifts for you and me) and on a hayrack ride with the Shadows . . . a world of fun for everyone.

". . . should auld acquaintance be forgot . . ."

Ring out the old in '51 . . . ring in the new in '52! It will be a night of frolic, with special entertainment, favors, good music, congenial companionship and wonderful fun in the wonderful environment of the Club's surroundings. Bozo, the magical clown, will be with us again to add to the merriment which will reign supreme. And in the morning . . . o-o-h-h! that is the morning after . . . there will be a special eggnog brunch-time during which you can reminisce, if you please, and review the events that have passed before. And view the special New Year's Day programs on the Club's television.

So . . . plan your holidays on the desert, with your family and/or your guests. Spend most of the month of December here, if you can. It's a relaxing way of life . . . make the most of it!

GOING GALA—Mr. and Mrs. Dudley M. Steele, Glendale (l), together with Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Harvey, Pomona, are seen making their entrance to the Club lounge, formal opening night. The Steeles have just moved into their new Palm Desert home. Dr. Harvey is noted as one of the nation's leading botanists.—Photo by Van Gorp

Beautiful Formal Opening in Gracious Candlelight, Gold and White Setting

Always a gala, popular affair, formal opening of the Shadow Mountain Club, Saturday, November 10, was one of gay, gracious festivity with everyone enjoying a good time.

The happy mood of the capacity crowd was heightened by an attractive setting of predominantly gold and white motif, accentuated by white tapers, set in gold bases, shedding soft loveliness on the formal dress of the smartly garbed members and guests in attendance at the fourth annual event. An impressive bower of gilt-sprayed flora from the desert formed a background of added beauty to the scene as the dancers swirled past the bandstand. Gold ribbon-tied white carnation corsages were presented to all the women, and red boutinieres for the men, lent emphasis to smart appearance.

The interesting decorative arrangement for the evening, including a clever top-hat and cane mural, was the inspiration and work of Irene Matthias, Club's social director.

Much good music was in the air. In their usual smooth, stylized manner, Dotty and Art Todd's Trio played the danceable rythms which have made them so popular. On the terrace, Danny Kuana's Hawaiians, from Hollywood, augmented with music from the Islands. Attractive Agnes Kaspar entertained with accordion interludes.

It was an auspicious opening. Everyone, but everyone, had fun!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CHURCH

"O' Come All Ye Faithful"

In keeping with the spirit of family observance and celebration of the natal day of Christ, the significance of Christmas will be the occasion for special services at the Palm Desert Community Church on the Sunday preceding Christmas, December 23rd.

Dr. John Robertson Macartney's subject will be "The Miracle Child." Nondenominational, the Community church extends a welcome to all holiday visitors in the area, both adults and children.

Church services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday school meets at 9:45 a.m.

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Television

ENJOY ROSE BOWL GAME AT THE CLUB

Take a seat on the "50 yard line," join your "rooting" section, and enjoy the Rose Bowl game, New Year's Day, on your Club's television set. See a close-up view of the Tournament of Roses, on the desert, away from crowds and traffic.

TV reception at the Club is good at all times, and it's particularly pleasant to watch interesting programs while your waiter serves you victuals or libations in the complete luxury of relaxation.

Plan to bring your family, on New Year's Day, to view the exciting program of TV events. If you get tired of watching, go for a swim, play tennis or just go laze in the sun!

Wanted!

Corny Capers Seeks Talent

So you want to be an actor, singer, comedian, dancer, mimic, poet, musician . . . get into vaudeville, now that the Palace is open again? This is your big chance! Toss your inhibitions windward and exhibit your Thespian talents . . . in the privacy of the Club, that is.

Prepare for the Grand Prix de Vaudeville, more ordinarily known as the Club's 'stupendous, amazing, colossal" production of "Corny Capers," to be announced in the January calendar. Audition your special talent as soon as possible; amateurs only, male and female.

Talk about fun in the sun . . . "Corny Capers" will be a terrific "flight in the night" from all semblance of stability, sanity or stodginess. At least we'll make it that kind of fun!

See Irene Matthias, Social Director, or Arthur Todd, Musical Director for audition appointments.

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GYMKHANA LAUNCHES NEW EQUESTRIAN ARENA

First event to be staged in the new equestrian arena, at the Stables, was the 4th annual Palm Desert Raiders' Homecoming Gymkhana, Thanksgiving weekend, with a program of intra-Club events. The horses and riders on parade made a colorful showing which pleased the many spectators. The arena with its quarter-mile track will be the scene of future exciting events and will mean happy horsemanship for all. A Shadow Mountain Club horse show is in the planning as a traditional annual event. Stables and arena now offer everything pleasurable for horse lovers. Regular and special events scheduled for the month of December are detailed elsewhere in Sun Spots.

HART AND HORSE—Shown (left) is Dory Hart, owner-trainer of Gold Crown, "king of the palominos," who recently gave a special performance on the Club grounds near poolside. Appearance was West Coast premiere . . . promise of things to come!—Willis photo

PALM DESERT GROWS RAPIDLY IN '51-'52

With the passing of 1951, Palm Desert marks up another record year of construction, especially new homes. Every week during the year has witnessed the completion of at least one new home.

Approaching 1952, the building pace continues unabated. In fact, present indications point to unprecedented home building in the year ahead.

The Leonard K. Firestones have their home well under way in the Shadow Mountain Estates. The Fred Siemans are also building in the same choice sector. Homeowner Robert Mylar is building two homes; one in Unit No. 4 and one at the Club entrance. Rembert Trezevant has broken ground on another new home, also opposite the Club portal.

Brooks and Moore, realtors and exclusive agents for Palm Desert properties report that, ". . . in the closing weeks of '51 interest in Palm Desert Corporation properties, both inquiries and sales, continues at a greatly accelerated pace. It is apparent that people are becoming conscious of better living on the desert and Palm Desert, with its many advantages, in particular," according to S. S. (Dinty) Moore, managing partner of the firm and long-time desert resident, who further stated "I freely predict that better than 300 homes will have been completed in Palm Desert by the end of 1952."

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PHOTOS WANTED

Members are invited to submit photos taken at the Club, or in Palm Desert, for consideration in publishing future editions of Sun Spots. Subjects may range from scenic shots to personalities, sports activities or anything you believe to be of particular interest. Sun Spots is a medium for members . . . so make the most of it! Leave photos, or news, with Bob Hansen.

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A DATE WITH SANTA ON CHILDREN'S SLATE

". . . hark! The Herald Angels sing . . ."

Christmas is an especially joyous time for children, and their holidays at the Club will be replete with activities designed to please them most.

Little eyes will open wide when jolly Santa Claus arrives to preside over their festivities on Monday, December 24th. First off, there'll be a Christmas Carol luncheon (Shadows only), followed by games and gifts with Santa at the Christmas tree. Then off they'll go with jolly Santa on a merry hayrack ride, "dashing through the dunes in a one-horse open sleigh;" all singing carols gloriously.

There'll be many other things for them to see and do, and Mrs. Matthias promises them a very, very happy Christmas, such as all good little girls and boys deserve . . . and it will be in the best tradition of old-fashioned Christmas.

HAPPY HALLOWE'EN—Photo at left was taken during the Hallowe'en party for the Shadows (age 4 to 8), in the Club dining room where the youngsters enjoyed a "dinner-party," all their own. Annual affair was colorful, the children adorable.—Photo by Willis

Sports Galore

THREE TOURNAMENTS ON DECEMBER AGENDA

". . . give ye heed to what we say, in many sports choose your play!"

Golfers are already warming up for the big golfing tournament to be held from December 22nd through 'til the finals, December 25th. The course has been greatly improved and lengthened. For further details contact the golfing committee: J. B. Schutz, R. T. Pierson, or Robert Fithian.

Of equal importance, to the racquet swinging fraternity, will be the tennis tournament on the same days. To enter, see Florence Allen, our tennis pro.

Commencing December 29th and continuing through the 31st, there will be a volley ball tournament. See Tom Hairabedian, recreational director, for information.

All three tournaments promise to be a lot of fun, with awards, of course, to the winners. Consolation prizes? Maybe.

On Sunday, December 30th, a special "Golfer's Ice-Capade" will be played "from hole to hole via the North Pole!" What is it? You'll be surprised! Galoshes, mittens, ski caps or winter outfits are required equipment for entry in this contest. Prizes, especially for the best dog sled outfit! See the golfing committee to enter.

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SPLENDID AIRPORT SERVES PALM DESERT

Bordered on one side by a beautiful grove of date palms, the green grass airstrip of Palm Desert Airport, just two miles from Palm Desert and the Shadow Mountain Club, is an inviting spot for the landing of private planes. More and more aircraft, of all kinds and sizes, are daily using its convenient facilities for quick, easy flights to this desert area to get away from unpleasant weather in other parts of the country.

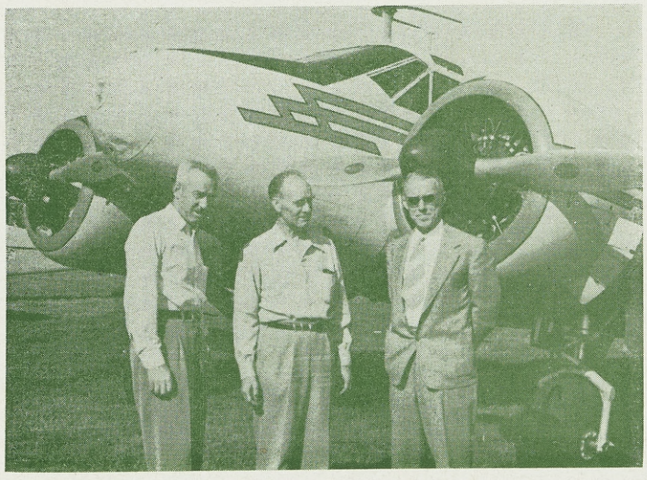
Ideal weather conditions being the year 'round rule at Palm Desert Airport, pilots arriving from smog or low-ceiling areas not so fortunate, find the scene below one that makes flying a sportsman's dream.

If you haven't already done so, see the beauties of the Palm Desert cove country from the vantage point of high in the air. It's a sight you'll long remember.

MOTOR INDUSTRY members being many, the Club was selected for dinner-dance of the Southern California Association of Motor Car Dealers. Enjoying the evening were: Mrs. George Humphrey, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Fisher, Palm Desert and Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Anderson, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krell, Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson, Los Angeles; and Mrs. Robert Clapp, Los Angeles.—Photo by Willis

WESTERN STYLES. First of fashion shows scheduled featured western togs. Taylor's of California apparel, boots by Stewart Romero, were modeled in this photo by member Ed Vikupitz, Long Beach, and model Gretchen Voll. Stuard's Sun Shop sponsored.—Willis photo

TENNIS IS FUN—Florence Allen, Club's pro, and Cliff Henderson, Palm Desert project founder, just off the courts after a fast set. Night tennis is fast gaining favor with players.—Bill Randle photo.



TOP AIRMEN VISIT—Col. Joseph Marriott, western region Civil Aeronautics Administrator, Henry Gogerty, Club member and Palm Desert Airport owner, and Charles Horne, newly appointed national administrator of CAA, Washington, D. C., shown with Bonanza Beechcraft on the desert airstrip during their recent visit to the Shadow Mountain Club. Col. Marriott, well-known in West Coast aviation circles, is also president of the Air Reserve Association of the United States.—Photo by Bill Brooks.

For Your Yuletide and New Year's Pleasure on the Desert

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to One and All!

14-15—December, Friday and Saturday—opening of the new **MANZANITA ROOM.** Cocktails Friday 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.—"on the Club." Informal. Dinner $5.00 per person. Reservations early, please!

22-23-24-25 — December, Saturday through Tuesday **GOLF TOURNAMENT.** 4 day golf tournament. See golfing committee: J. B. Schutz, R. T. Pierson, or Robert Fithian.

22-23-24-25 — December, Saturday through Tuesday **TENNIS TOURNAMENT.** 4 day tennis tournament. See Florence Allen, Tennis pro.

23—December, Sunday — **CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES.** Special services, Palm Desert Community Church. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Church services, 11:00 a.m.

Old fashioned "turkey" shoot. 2:00 p.m.

24—December, Monday—**CHRISTMAS EVE.** Traditional, family fireside Christmas.

CHILDREN'S PARTY—Shadows, 4 to 8.

Christmas Carol Luncheon—games and gifts with Santa at the tree. 1:00 p.m. Price, $1.00.

Hayrack Ride—singing carols—with Santa. 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Christmas Program and burning of the Yule log . . . Santa, beside the tree . . . Christmas carols by the Todd's Trio . . . at 5:00 p.m.

Glorious Candlelight Buffet—6:00 to 9:00 p.m. $4.00 per person. $2.00, children under 8. Junior table by reservation.

Special Christmas Program—9:00 p.m.

25—December, Tuesday—**CHRISTMAS DAY** Dinner, $4.00 per person. $2.00 for children under 8. Dinner served from 1:00 p.m. Reservations, please!

27—December, Thursday — Chuck Wagon Dinner, with sleigh bells. "Jingle Bells' square dance. Prize for the most unique bell (and belle) of the evening. Special "ting-a-ling" dance.

28—December, Friday—**"A SNOW BALL"** Juniors (13 to 21) 3rd annual Christmas Dinner Dance. 7:00 p.m. Semi-formal. Joy Olsen, president, hostess. Shadow Mountain Club's Snow-Man, host. Installation of officers. Juniors, please reserve banquet or separate table early. $3.75 per Junior.

29—December, Saturday—Special Pre-New Year's Dinner Dance.

29-30-31—December, Saturday through Monday — **VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT.** 3 day volley ball tournament. See Tom Hairabedian, recreational director.

30—December, Sunday—Smorgasbord. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Dinner, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Golfer's "Ice-Capade," from "hole to hole, via the North Pole." See golfing committee to enter contest. 2:00 p.m.

31—December, Monday—**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** —4th Annual. The biggest night of the Year—FUN — FROLIC — FAVORS — Bozo, the magical clown. Special entertainment, music. $12.50 per person. Early reservations are suggested.

1—January, Tuesday, 1952—**NEW YEAR'S DAY** Eggnog Brunch-time—11:30 to 2:30 p.m. Start the New Year right! Tournament of Roses and Rose Bowl game on Club's television.

New Year's Day Dinner—6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

19—December, Wednesday — **INDIAN TRAIL RIDE** Annual trek from Palm Desert to La Quinta. Horses, $7.50.

28—December, Friday—Palm Desert Raiders Benefit Dinner Show and Dance.

29—December, Saturday — Big equestrian event. **HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL GYMKHANA** 2:00 p.m.

Brolo Games (broom polo), breakfast rides, cowboy suppers and square dances on horseback, hayrack rides, and just good riding at all times at the Club's Stables. See Lisle Nixon.

IMPORTANT!

Initiation fees for membership in our Club will be increased from $100 to $200, plus Federal tax of 20%, effective January 31, 1952!

Members are urged to submit names of those persons they wish to personally sponsor, and encourage those of their friends who presently contemplate joining the Club to do so before that date.

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Never in the Club's history have so many dinners been served in one day as on Thanksgiving, November 22nd! Hundreds of advance reservations, plus a last-minute influx, came close to taxing the facilities of dining room, kitchen and service to the limit. So that our high standards can be maintained it is important that we enjoy the full cooperation of every member. Please—make your reservations EARLY. Our competent staff can then make proper preparation for satisfactory taking care of any situation.

Announcing the New MANZANITA ROOM on the 4th birthday of the Shadow Mountain Club

Friday, and Saturday, December 14 and 15, 1951, will be the definite dates of the opening of this wonderful room. You will be thrilled by the picturesque, rustic beauty of this newest addition to the Club's facilities. Plan to attend. Cocktails Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. . . . "on the Club."

Christmas Under a Desert Sun ★ New Year's Under a Desert Moon